(c) whether it is a fact that recovery of the amount due is not pressed into operation by Government through the Collector despite the fact that the company has not compiled with the Court Order;

(d) what steps Government have taken in the absence of non-furnishing of data by the company; and

(e) since when the recovery is pending and what are the implications of delay in recovery of 78 crores already assessed against the company;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The Company has not yet made available the entire data for the period after 25-8-1987 in a number of cases and this default on its part has been noted for appropriate action at the relevant time. In the event of the complete data not becoming available from the Company, the Government will have no alternative but to make use of whatever data that becomes available from other sources to enable determination of the liability of the Company and passing of a speaking order, in accordance with the order dated 8th March, 1991 of the Bombay High Court. The question of effecting the recovery of the amount (alongwith interest from the date of default) will be taken up thereafter as admissible under the law.

Reduction in the Prices of Insulin

1327. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Insulin was reduced from Rs. 14970 per MU o Rs. 13391 per MU on 6th March, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the impact of reduction in the price of bulk drug was not passed on to consumer;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the basis on which the producer increased the prices of finished medicines and whether the producer took permission to increase the prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Cell to monitor the prices of medicines;

(f) if so, who heads this work in Pharmaceutical Division; and

(g) what are their findings and what action has been taken by the monitoring cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The companies fix their own prices for formulations which are not under price control under the DPCO, 1987. The company has been selling the product 'Insulin' under the generic name which is exempt from price control under the provisions of DPCO 1987. The increase in prices of this product as per the information available has been because of high escalation in costs of the major raw materials.

(e) to (g) The pharmaceutical division in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is incharge of the work relating to Monitoring of the pricees of medicines. This division *inter-alia* keeps watch over the prices of decontrolled medicines.

Prices of Bulk Drugs

1328. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1668 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs for which prices have been reduced till date after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what were their earlier and reduced prices datewise;

(c) when these ceiling prices and non-ceiling prices of formulations were reduced in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of most of the formulations were not deliberately reduced to give benefit to the producers; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for this laps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1668 answered on 12th September, 1991.

(c) The reduction of the notified prices of the bulk drug at a given point of time does not necessarily bring down the formulation prices. The prices of formulations are dependant on various other factors like the prices of combination bulk drug, packing material, excepient ceilings and the notified conversion cost and packing charges ruling in the respective time period.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Drugs under Price Control

1329. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of drugs being marketed in the country and how many are under price control;

(b) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from price control and for which Government are monitoring the production;

(c) what was the production of each during the last two years ending on 31st October, 1991;

(d) what are the names of price decontrol drugs which are covered under wholesale price index;

(e) what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the price at present;

(f) whether it is a fact that producer has to provide break-up under price control order the basis and working out the prices of price decontrolled drugs; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) About 70 per cent of the drugs marketed in the country are price-controlled.

(b) All drugs excepting those included in Schedule-I and Schedule-II of DPCO, 1987 are exempt from price control.

(c) to (e) The time and labour involved in collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. DPCO, 1987 provides for furnishing of details in Forms 1-A and 2-A in respect of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations respectively.

Whole-sale Price Index of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

1330. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the whole sale price index of drugs and pharmaceuticals on 1st April, 1990 and on 31st October, 1991;

(b) what are the names of drugs on which wholesale price index is based;

(c) what is the indication for which each is used;

(d) what was the production of each drug during 1990-91;

(e) what are the names of drugs which are under price control and what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;